

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

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DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR STORM-IMPACTED KENTUCKIANS ELIGIBLE FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Affected counties are Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Kenton, Johnson, LaRue, Lawrence, Laurel, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and Wolfe

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 5, 2012) — April 16 is the last day that individuals in 21 Kentucky counties can apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for weather-related jobless benefits.

Officials from the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced March 16, 2012, that individuals in the affected counties who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to severe weather that occurred Feb. 29 – March 3, 2012, may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance (DUA).

The counties in which DUA is currently available are: Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Kenton, Johnson, LaRue, Lawrence, Laurel, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and Wolfe. The deadline to apply is April 16, 2012.

Farmers and self-employed people who normally are ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits also may qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

All regular unemployment insurance benefits must be exhausted prior to receiving any disaster unemployment benefits. Applications can be filed at local Kentucky Career Center offices.

When filing a claim, self-employed individuals should bring a copy of their 2011 income tax return. Other applicants need only a photo-identification card and their Social Security number.

OET, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, helps individuals prepare for, secure and maintain employment; assists employers in locating

and selecting the best-qualified workers for their job openings; and provides income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. For more information about its services, visit <http://oet.ky.gov/>.